

Robert F. Bostic Field

Football field named for long time district educator

By Mary Lou Bytof

What's in a name? Plenty, when the name is Robert F. Bostic.

Many know him as the Mayor of Dillsburg, a former town councilman, and as a teacher, advisor, and athletic director for the Northern York County School District.

Recent action by the district school board will propel the already popular name into posterity.

On May 10, the board adopted a resolution to name the high school stadium the Robert F. Bostic Field.

Now regarded as one of the best kept secrets in this closely-knit community, the news was a complete surprise to Bostic.

As the student council advisor, Bostic attended that meeting with council officers who presented academic achievement awards. Usually, the students leave after the routine presentation. But that day, they stayed, Bostic recalls.

Then the board passed the resolution.

"I was just sitting there. All of a sudden, it happened—boom! It was quite an honor," he says.

The fact that this action was initiated by students particularly impresses the 55-year-old educator.

"We did it all behind his back," Tiffany Taylor, last year's student council treasurer says.

"He really doesn't like to take recognition from us. He wants us to get most of the credit for what we accomplish," she explains.

The idea to name the field after Bostic originated with student council officers, Taylor says. Later, the officers met with the student council representatives. They all agreed to proceed with the plan, she recalls.

The officers approached the school board last fall with their request.

During the winter, the board privately discussed the students' proposal, according to High School Principal Richard Dietrich. By spring, it had prepared the resolution.

The board's action honors not only a dedicated athletic director who has fostered the growth of Northern's sports program, but also an outstanding educator and community servant, Principal Dietrich says.

"He is very, very dedicated to the profession of education and the community of Northern," he adds.

"Mr. Bostic has a positive impact on a lot of students," according to the principal.

"Although he may not necessarily agree with them, the students know he is willing to help solve their problems," Dietrich says.

Bostic's career at Northern began in 1957 when he was hired as a social studies teacher. A Lemoyne native, he had graduated from West High School and Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, where he played football.

In addition to teaching, he coached junior high football, and later, golf.

As an educator, Bostic welcomes the changes in the Northern community over the past 33 years.

"Students today for the most part are more intelligent, more knowledgeable, and more worldly," he says.

The social studies teacher attributes this increased awareness of the outside world to television.

Due to improved nutrition and living conditions, the youngsters are healthier, too, he adds.

However, he acknowledges that negative factors exist with the good in this modern society.

"Today's students have so many outside influences that pull them," the teacher says.

"Yet, if both the parents and the school do their jobs, the young people can be directed in the right way," he says confidently.

The school district is continuing to improve both its facilities and its programs, Bostic says.

In 1957, he recalls, there still were a few one-room elementary schools within the district.

As the schools expand in size and quality, more Northern graduates are pursuing higher education and are seeking better jobs, he says.

The many newcomers moving into the district from more urban areas add a new dimension to both the school and community. They bring with them different ideas on government, and the school system, he says.

"New ideas are always welcome," he emphasizes.

As the district grew, so did Northern's athletic program and the responsibilities of its director.

When he was appointed athletic director in 1961, the program supported five teams: football, field hockey, softball, track and baseball.

Since that time, the following sports have been added: basketball, tennis, volleyball, wrestling, soccer, golf and cross country.

The district's athletic program now boasts of approximately 18 teams in the high school and middle school.

Increased attendance at the sporting events proves the popularity of the program.

"We are very, very strong in the area of booster clubs," the director says. "We've always had good parent participation."

Principal Dietrich recalls how Bostic was instrumental in encouraging the parents to actively support their children's sports programs.

Fifteen years ago, there were no lights on the field, Dietrich says. Under Bostic's leadership, the football boosters and the community raised money to purchase the lights. This, in turn, boosted attendance at the events.

Currently, finishing touches are being made on the stadium. The renovation project which began last summer will be completed by September 1, Dietrich says.

Included in the project, according to the principal, are new stands, an enclosed area, locker rooms, restrooms, an improved track and ticket booths.

With its new face and name, the Robert F. Bostic Field is a welcomed addition to the community. It is a tribute to a man who has given countless hours of service to the people of Dillsburg.

Thank You

We would like to thank our friends, families and area businesses and organizations for their pledges for the MS 150 Bike Tour. Our team met and exceeded our goal with a total of \$3,643.00 raised in pledges.

Sincerely,
Christie Diller, Richard Diller,
Eric Engle, Kathy Joe Gesiorski,
Aaron Sipe and Morrell Sipe for Sports and Diller Boat Sales Bike Team

Mystery Run

The Mystery Run benefit for the Deaf Center of York was held Saturday, August 11th. The event sponsored by Adams County Mason Dixon Chapter Abate of P. ended in the Dillsburg Area and over \$200 was raised to help purchase equipment for the hearing impaired children of York and Adams County.



Photo by David March

Bob Bostic looks out over Bostic Stadium reflecting on a 33-year career with Northern School District.

Bostic praised the local businesses and volunteers who put in many long hours to expand the facility.

Upper Allen Ambulance Seek Funds From Monaghan

by Deborah Recker

At the August meeting of the Monaghan Township Board of Supervisors, Nick Meacher, Director of Operations, for the Upper Allen Ambulance Association, informed Chairman Jacob J. Cottenham and Vice Chairman R. Wayne Miller, Jr. of a \$7,400 expense incurred by them over the past year for ambulance calls in Monaghan Township.

Upper Allen has recently gone to a paid ambulance service. Presently, Upper Allen's ambulance services approximately two-thirds of Monaghan Township with the remainder being serviced by either the Dillsburg or Lisbon ambulance crews.

Mr. Meacher explained the requirements of new regulations regarding municipalities and local ambulance services. In addition to such items as the licensing of ambulances and minimum crew requirements, new regulations require the use of the closest available ambulance. Due to the location of the Upper Allen Ambulance and crew, Upper Allen can reach most areas of Monaghan Township before other ambulance crews.

Mr. Meacher informed the Board that 3.6 percent of their calls for medical emergencies are in Monaghan Township. The cost for each emergency call is between \$150.00 and \$200.00. If a medical call is made to a paid subscriber, Upper Allen will accept Medicare or insurance payments with no additional cost to the subscriber.

Upper Allen currently has eighty-three (83) paid subscriptions from Monaghan Township residents at \$35.00 each. Meacher explains that subscription fees go toward payment of the equipment and not for medical call expenses, while tax dollars are used to pay the crew.

Mr. Meacher requested that Monaghan Township reimburse the Upper Allen Ambulance Association all or a portion of the cost over and above that which they are able to recoup from insurance companies. The \$7,400 figure is adjustable each year based on the previous year expenses.

Several Monaghan Township's volunteer firemen were present at the meeting and were quick to point out that the amount quoted by Meacher exceeded the yearly figure Monaghan's Volunteer Fire Company receives from the township.

The board agreed to consider Upper Allen's request and respond by the next meeting.

In Fire Company business, Sylvester Fletcher asked the Board to consider the joint use of an underground storage tank by the Monaghan Township Volunteer Fire Company and the township. Fletcher explained that after August 5, 1990, the state requires underground tanks to be registered. Municipalities purchasing gasoline, however, are exempt from the new registration requirements. Registration of the tank would cost the Fire Company anywhere from \$50.00 to \$500.00. Fletcher stated that the present tank is good for approximately four (4) more years, but if the tank had to be removed, the cost would run about \$12,000.

The Board recently agreed to donate \$5,000.00 to the Fire Company for a new Squad truck. Fletcher informed the Board that the \$5,000.00 check was received and applied to the new truck.

Monaghan's Volunteer Fire Company responded to eight (8) alarms in July. One (1) in Upper Allen, one (1) in Warrington, one (1) in Lower Allen, one (1) in Monroe, and four (4) in Monaghan for a total of one-hundred eighty-five (185) man hours.

In other business, Planning Commission Chairman Larry Rhone recommended approval of the Greenwalt subdivision. The subdivision is comprised of two (2) lots on 11.23 acres located along the northeast side of Gilbert Road. Motion carried for approval.

Following up on a complaint received at the June meeting concerning the one-lane bridge on Siddonsburg Road, Secretary Gregory Spear reported that the township contacted PennDOT and Carroll Township police. PennDOT reported that they are planning to

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Frances To Join Local Craftsmen in Chadds Ford Days

The 25th annual Chadds Ford Days will be held on Saturday, September 8 and Sunday, September 9. The "Smithing at the Ford" theme will feature some of the smiths who helped forge colonial America. Working smiths will be on hand to describe their trades and to sell their wares. Seventy craftspeople will demonstrate examples of 18th century "domestic arts" and offer their goods for sale. Brandywine Valley artists will exhibit original artwork.

Rebecca Francis, of Dillsburg, will be one of the exhibitors. She makes rag rugs and weaves on an eighteenth-century loom.

Historical Society volunteers will serve blacksmith fare, and rye beer and other baked goods from the beehive oven of the John Chads House will be sold.

Chadds Ford Days are sponsored by the Chadds Ford Historical Society. Proceeds will be used for maintenance of its two colonial restorations, the John Chads House and the Bams-Brinton House.

The fair will be held on the meadow opposite the John Chads House on Route 100, 1/4 mile north of U.S. Route 1 in Chadds Ford, Pa. Admission: Adults \$3.00, Children \$1.50, parking free. All are welcome.

Antique and Classic Auto Show Latimore Valley Fairgrounds

Williams Grove Old Timers cordially invites you to attend their Antique and Classic Auto show to be held on Sunday, August 26, 1990 at 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Latimore Valley Fairgrounds, York Springs, Pa. This show is open to clubs as well as individuals who would like to exhibit their vehicles. A show plaque will be given to the first 200 vehicles registered. Registration fee is \$5.00 (\$3.00 if pre-registered). A people's choice award will be awarded.

For everyone's shopping pleasure, we are planning a flea market-craft show. If you would like more information concerning vendor spaces please contact Kay Wolfe (717) 243-3196 or Jan Wolfe (717) 243-1192.

Good food will be available all day starting with a pancake breakfast at 9:00 a.m. There will be free country entertainment during the afternoon hours for you to enjoy.

This event is to benefit the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing which is located on the fairgrounds. The Museum houses restored vintage cars and other memorabilia from the early days of motor racing. Please come and visit our museum and enjoy a day of reminiscing.

Cute Baby Contest

The Dillsburg Community Fair Association is sponsoring a Cute Baby Contest in conjunction with the Dillsburg Farmers Fair. Entrants must live in the Northern York School District area, and be two years old or younger by October 17, 1990. There will be two winners, a boy and a girl. Babies' pictures will be placed on containers in the windows of the Dillsburg Public Library.

Anyone wishing to "vote" for their favorite baby may do so by placing a money contribution to that child's container.

The boy and girl with the most contributions will be declared the winners. The winners will ride in the Friday evening Grand Parade on Friday, October 19 (they must be accompanied by their mothers or guardians) and will receive a book donated by the Book of the Month Club as well as a savings bond donated by the Fair Association.

The contest will run from September 1 until October 12, at the library, 17 S. Baltimore St. Entrants must submit two 3x5 photos (non-returnable) with a letter giving the child's name, parents' name, address, phone number and birth date. Entries may be mailed to: Cute Baby Contest, c/o Dillsburg Public Library, 17 S. Baltimore St., Dillsburg, Pa. 17019. All entries should be received by September 1. Contributions will benefit future Farmers Fair Activities.